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| <b>PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)</b> |   | <b>Atty. Docket Number:</b><br>520.46379X00 |
| <b>Mail Stop: AMEND - FEE</b>                               | In re Application of: S. HIRANO, et al.                         |   |
|   | Application Number: 10/589,988                                  | Filed: August 18, 2006                      |
|   | For: METHOD OF FRICTION STIR-SPOT WELDING AND WELDING APPARATUS |   |
|   | Group Art Unit: 1793<br>Confirm. No: 2470                       | Examiner: Devang R. Patel                   |

This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a reply in the above identified application.

The requested extension and appropriate non-small-entity fee are as follows (check time period desired):

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <b><u>One month (37 CFR 1.17(a)(1))</u></b>  | <b><u>\$130.00</u></b> |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | Two months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(2))   | \$490.00               |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | Three months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(3))   | \$1,110.00             |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | Four months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(4))  | \$1,730.00             |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | Five months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(5))  | \$2,350.00             |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. Therefore the fee amount shown above is reduced by one-half, and the resulting fee is: \$                     |                        |
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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <b><u>The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency of fees, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (case 520.46379X00).</u></b> |                        |
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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <b><u>attorney or agent of record</u></b>                    |
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**28,565      Registration number if acting under 37 CFR 1.34(a)**

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| <u>October 31, 2008</u><br>Date | <u>/William I. Solomon/</u><br>Signature<br><b>William I. Solomon</b> |
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